

What is claimed is:

1. A dispersion comprising, in an aqueous medium, the following components (a) and (b):

5 (a) 5 to 40 wt.% of, as a dispersoid, an amphipatic lipid having, in the molecule thereof, at least one hydroxy and amide group, and

(b) 2 to 55 wt.% of a surfactant.

10 2. A dispersion according to claim 1, wherein the surfactant (b) is at least one selected from nonionic surfactants, anionic surfactants and amphoteric surfactants.

15 3. A dispersion according to claim 2, wherein said nonionic surfactants are alkyl polyglycosides, polyoxyalkylene alkyl or alkenyl ethers, polyoxyalkylene sorbitan fatty acid esters and sorbitan fatty acid esters.

4. A dispersion according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a component (a)/component (b) weight ratio ranges from 90/10 to 25/75.

20 5. A dispersion according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the component (a) has an average particle size of 0.5 to 150 μ m.

6. A dispersion according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the component (a) is a substance analogous to ceramide.

7. A process for preparing a dispersion as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, which comprises heating the component (a), the component (b) and water to a temperature not less than the melting point of the component (a),
5 thereby fusing them; and cooling to crystallize the component (a).

8. A washing-away type cosmetic composition, which comprises a dispersion as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3.

10 9. A process for preparing a cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 8, which comprises mixing a dispersion as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 with the components of the cosmetic composition other than the dispersion at not more than 50°C.

15 10. A washing-away type cosmetic composition comprising the following components (A) and (B):

(A) 0.01 to 10 wt.% of an amphipatic lipid having an average particle size of 0.5 to 150 μm and having, in the molecule thereof, at least one hydroxy and amide group, and

20 (B) 5 to 95 wt.% of a surfactant.

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